

**REMARKS**

**Abstract**

The Abstract has been amended in accordance with the proper language and format as noted by the Examiner.

**Drawings Objection**

The drawings are objected to because they fail to label the related as described in the specification. Appropriate corrections have been made.

**Claim Objections**

Claim 12 is objected to because of typographical error. Appropriate correction has been made.

**Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102**

Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kwak et al. (US 5,987,369).

Applicant has amended independent Claim 7 to clarify that the invention adapts the damper force based on the signal that is generated while the ride level control system is changing a vehicle ride level. In other words, the damper force and ride height are changed at the same time so that the ride height and damping control systems are working together instead of fighting each other.

As best understood, Kwak et al. does not provide such a function and therefore does not anticipate Claim 7. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Claim 7 is in a condition for allowance.

Claims 8-12 depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 7 and are believed to be in a condition for allowance for at least the same reason as Claim 7.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the claims as amended overcome the raised objections and rejections and are in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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